



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**  
College of Pharmacy

***UGA College of Pharmacy is Seeking Applicants to be Simulated Patients***

The UGA College of Pharmacy is expanding its use of simulated patients in the PharmD curriculum. Simulated patient experiences provide a more true-to-practice environment for pharmacy students to apply clinical, problem solving, and professional skills. These encounters typically emphasize application of clinical drug knowledge and communication skills, such as appropriate patient questioning and medication counseling.

To meet this growing need, the UGA College of Pharmacy is currently recruiting individuals who are interested in playing a simulated patient 3-4 times a year.

**What is a Standardized Patient?**

Standardized Patients (SPs) are individuals who portray patients for the purposes of teaching pharmacy students. In most situations, standardized patients are asked to study case scenarios and are scripted to give specific responses and behaviors for consistent and realistic portrayals of a disease or illness.

In addition, SPs have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to help improve pharmacy students' ability to interact with patients. To ensure consistent feedback, standardized patients are requested to attend at least one training session each year. Sometimes additional training sessions are needed for more complicated encounters.

Most of the time, SPs decide to volunteer their time and acting skills to assist with the pharmacy students' professional development. In some cases, standardized patients are paid a modest hourly rate. Our program is not a research study.

**General Requirements of SPs:**

- Attend training sessions as needed (might be required for specific encounters)
- Serve three or more times a year, for a maximum of four hours at a time (Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri mornings or afternoons)
- Complete the required paper work
- Understand encounters may be videotaped for education purposes only

Other requirements for volunteering include personal transportation, reliability, flexibility, confidentiality, and the ability to follow direction and recall information. The College of Pharmacy will provide parking passes for the closest UGA parking deck.

**How do I volunteer?**

If you are interested in being a Standardized Patient, please complete the application and send to Kay Brooks, Associate Director Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (706-542-1402, e-mail [klbrooks@uga.edu](mailto:klbrooks@uga.edu), or fax 706-542-6022).